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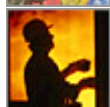
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## Geography



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Geography

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By area, Western Australia is the largest state or territory, covering 2.5 million square kilometres or 33% of Australia.

Source: 2011 Census of Population and Housing

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# People



## PEOPLE

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## PEOPLE

Western Australia had an estimated resident population of around approximately 2.5 million people in June 2013, accounting for 11% of Australia's population.

The State's capital, Perth, was founded on 12 August 1829 and the Greater Perth area contains more than three quarters (78%) of Western Australia's total population.

### Estimated Resident Population (ERP)

ERP is the official measure of the population of Australia and is based on the Census counts by place of usual residence. For more detail on the ERP definition and methodology, see Australian Demographic Statistics, Sep 2013 (cat. no. 3101.0).

	2012(a)	2013(b)
	'000	'000
<b>Sex</b>		
Males	1 231.7	1 273.8
Females	1 206.3	1 245.5
<b>Age (years)</b>		
0-14	467.8	482.3
15-19	157.3	159.9
20-29	381.6	397.8
30-39	349.2	366.5
40-49	349.8	356.3
50-59	306.3	314.2
60-64	125.5	128.0
65 and over	300.5	314.4
<b>Statistical Areas Level 4 - WA</b>		
Perth - Inner	172.9	177.8
Perth - North East	241.1	249.2
Perth - North West	532.6	550.1
Perth - South East	477.6	495.6
Perth - South West	389.0	403.6
Mandurah	91.8	96.1
<i>Total Greater Perth</i>	<i>1 904.9</i>	<i>1 972.4</i>
Bunbury	168.5	173.5
Western Australia - Wheat Belt	135.2	137.5
Western Australia - Outback	229.4	235.9
<b>Total persons</b>	<b>2 438.0</b>	<b>2 519.3</b>

(a) Revised estimate, value for 30 June 2012.

(b) Preliminary estimate, value for 30 June 2013.

Source: *Australian Demographic Statistics, Sep 2013* (cat. no. 3101.0) and *Regional Population Growth, Australia, 2012-13* (cat. no. 3218.0)

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## Demography

2012		
	WA	Proportion of Aust.
	no.	%
Births	33 627	10.8
Deaths	13 339	9.1
Marriages	12 968	10.5
Divorces	5 073	10.2
<b>Crude rate (per 1 000 persons)(a)</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>Aust.</b>
Births	13.8	13.6
Deaths	5.5	6.5
Marriages	5.3	5.4
Divorces	2.1	2.2

(a) The crude rate is the number of events in a calendar year per 1 000 estimated resident population at 30 June of the same year.

Source: *Births, Australia, 2012* (cat. no. 3301.0), *Deaths, Australia, 2012* (cat. no. 3302.0) and *Marriages and Divorces, Australia, 2012* (cat. no. 3310.0)

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## Population Census

2011		
	WA(a)	Aust.
	%	%
<b>Country of birth</b>		
Australia	62.9	69.8
England	8.6	4.2
New Zealand	3.2	2.2
South Africa	1.6	0.7
India	1.3	1.4
Scotland	1.2	0.6
<b>Religious affiliation</b>		
No Religion	25.5	22.3
Catholic	23.6	25.3
Anglican	18.8	17.1
Uniting Church	3.3	5.0
Christian, nfd	2.8	2.2

(a) Western Australia reported as place of usual residence.

Source: *2011 Census of Population and Housing*

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## Labour Market

2013		
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	WA	% of Aust.
<b>Workforce participation(a)</b>	'000	%
Employed persons	1 342.6	11.7
Unemployed persons	67.0	9.3
<b>Total labour force persons</b>	<b>1 409.6</b>	<b>11.5</b>

(a) December, Trend estimates.

Source: *Labour Force, Australia, Mar 2014* (cat. no. 6202.0)

	2013	
	WA	% of Aust.
<b>Employing industries(a)</b>	'000	%
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	28.8	8.9
Mining	106.7	39.1
Manufacturing	96.2	10.3
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	22.2	14.3
Construction	146.7	14.5
Wholesale trade	35.3	8.8
Retail trade	130.9	10.5
Accommodation and food services	84.5	11.2
Transport, postal and warehousing	77.3	12.9
Information media and telecommunications	13.4	7.3
Financial and insurance services	36.0	8.9
Rental, hiring and real estate services	27.0	14.1
Professional, scientific and technical services	96.8	11.0
Administrative and support services	41.7	10.8
Public administration and safety	80.4	10.7
Education and training	95.5	10.6
Health care and social assistance	141.4	10.1
Arts and recreation services	19.4	9.7
Other services	54.2	11.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 334.6</b>	<b>11.6</b>

(a) November quarter, Original estimates.

Source: *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly, Feb 2014* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003)

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## Average Weekly Earnings(a)

WA average weekly earnings were the second highest of all states and territories in November 2013.

	2013	
	WA	Aust.
<b>Full time adult weekly ordinary time earnings</b>	\$	\$
Males	1 754.10	1 532.10
Females	1 338.20	1 270.50
<b>Persons</b>	<b>1 620.00</b>	<b>1 437.00</b>

(a) November quarter, original estimates.

Source: *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, Nov 2013* (cat. no. 6302.0)

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## Education

In 2013, 15% of WA's population were attending primary or secondary school. These figures represent full-time students formally enrolled at school and actively engaged in an education program.

2013		
	WA	% of Aust.
	no.	%
<b>Full time students</b>		
Government	253 383	10.8
Non-government	131 712	10.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>385 095</b>	<b>10.6</b>
<b>Schools</b>		
Government	768	11.5
Non-government	299	10.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 067</b>	<b>11.4</b>

Source: *Schools, Australia, 2013* (cat. no. 4221.0)

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## Internet Use

	2010-11	2012-13
Proportion of total WA households	%	%
Households with internet access	81	85
Households with broadband internet access	75	79

Source: *Household Use of Information Technology, Australia, 2012-13* (cat. no. 8146.0)

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## Economy



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### ECONOMY

#### State Accounts(a)

WA's Gross State Product (GSP) was 17% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in June 2013.

WA's GSP per capita was 1.5 times greater than Australian GDP per capita in 2012-13.

	2011-12	2012-13
<b>WA GSP</b>		
Chain volume measures (\$m)	240 811	252 999
GSP per capita (\$)	100 697	102 232
<b>Largest contributing industries</b>	%	%
Mining	32.5	34.3
Construction	12.7	12.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	5.0	5.0
Manufacturing	4.9	4.7

(a) Chain volume measures.

Source: *Australian National Accounts: State Accounts, 2012-13* (cat. no. 5220.0)

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## Imports and Exports

In 2012-13, Western Australia accounted for 14% of Australia's value of imports and 47% of Australia's value of exports.

	2011-12	2012-13
<b>WA</b>	\$m	\$m
Imports	35 082	33 875
Exports	120 534	115 588
<b>Imports from:</b>		
Singapore	4 232	3 475
United States	4 129	3 725
China	3 779	3 841
<b>Exports to:</b>		
China	55 002	54 072
Japan	22 841	21 509
Korea, Republic of	9 811	8 910

Source: *International Trade in Goods and Services, Australia, Dec 2013* (cat. no. 5368.0)

	2011-12	2012-13
<b>Major commodities exported:</b>	\$m	\$m
Iron ore	61 217	55 665
Gold, non-monetary(a)	15 603	14 908
Natural gas, whether or not liquefied	9 301	11 165
Petroleum oils, crude(b)	11 073	9 309

(a) Excluding gold ore and concentrates.

(b) Including oils obtained from bituminous minerals.

Source: ABS data available on request, *International Trade in Goods and Services*

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## Price Indexes(a)

Perth's All groups Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose by 2.5% through the year to the June

quarter 2013, which was less than the weighted average of eight capital cities in Australia (2.7%).

2012-13		
	Perth	Eight capital cities(b)
<b>CPI</b>	%	%
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	0.7	1.1
Alcohol and tobacco	3.7	4.0
Clothing and footwear	0.5	-0.3
Housing	5.8	5.3
Furnishings, household equipment and services	0.2	0.1
Health	6.3	6.6
Transportation	-0.3	-0.5
Communication	2.0	2.2
Recreation and culture	0.2	-0.1
Education	5.3	5.7
Insurance and financial services	3.2	2.7
<b>All groups</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>

Source: *Consumer Price Index, Australia, Dec 2013* (cat. no. 6401.0)

2012-13(c)		
	Perth	Eight capital cities(b)
<b>Residential Property Price Index</b>	%	%
Established homes	10.0	5.3
Attached dwellings(d)	7.4	5.6

(a) Percentage change from corresponding quarter of previous year, June quarter reference.

(b) Weighted average.

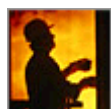
(c) Revised.

(d) Includes flats, units and apartments plus semi-detached, row and terrace houses.

Source: *Residential Property Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities, Dec 2013* (cat. no. 6416.0)

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## Industry



### INDUSTRY

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Building

Mining

Retail Trade

Tourism

### Agriculture



WA	2011-12	2012-13(a)
<b>Crop production</b>		
Wheat for grain ('000 t)	11 045	6 645
Barley for grain ('000 t)	2 761	2 214
<b>Livestock numbers</b>		
Sheep and lambs ('000)	14 394	15 191
Meat cattle ('000)	1 957	1 936

(a) Preliminary estimates.

Source: *Agricultural Commodities, Australia, 2011-12* (cat. no. 7121.0) and *Principal Agricultural Commodities, Australia, Preliminary, 2012-13* (cat. no. 7111.0)

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## Building

2012-13		
	WA	% of Aust.
<b>New residential building</b>	no.	%
Approved	24 774	15.7
Completed	18 380	12.7
<b>Total value of non-residential building(a)</b>	\$m	%
Approved	4 973	14.6
Completed	5 874	17.0

(a) Original estimates.

Source: *Building Approvals, Australia, Jan 2014* (cat. no. 8731.0) and *Building Activity, Australia, Sep 2013* (cat. no. 8752.0)

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## Mining

	2011-12	2012-13
<b>Production: WA</b>		
Iron ore ('000 t)	454 398	512 579
Gold (t)	180	179

Source: *Western Australian Mineral and Petroleum Statistics Digest 2012-13*, WA Department of Mines and Petroleum

<b>Exploration expenditure: WA</b>	\$m	\$m
Minerals	2 107	1 763
Petroleum	2 117	3 294

Source: *Mineral and Petroleum Exploration, Australia, Dec 2013* (cat. no. 8412.0)

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## Retail Trade

**2012-13**

	<b>WA</b>	<b>% of Aust.</b>
<b>Retail turnover, current prices(a)</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>%</b>
Food retailing	12 235	11.5
Household goods retailing	6 125	14.0
Clothing, footwear & personal accessories retailing	1 885	9.8
Department stores	2 162	11.8
Cafes, restaurants & takeaway food services	5 196	14.9
Other retailing	4 197	11.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 801</b>	<b>12.2</b>

(a) Trend estimates.

Source: *Retail Trade, Australia, Feb 2014* (cat. no. 8501.0)[Back to top](#)**Tourism(a)**

	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>
<b>WA Short-term movements: Holidays</b>	<b>'000</b>	<b>'000</b>
Resident departures	805	867
Visitor arrivals	238	245
<b>WA Holiday arrivals: Country of residence</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man	16.6	16.2
Singapore	15.2	13.9
Malaysia	13.0	13.7
New Zealand	7.1	6.7
<b>Holiday departures: Main destination</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
Indonesia	40.9	39.4
Thailand	10.5	10.2
Singapore	5.6	6.1
United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man	5.4	5.2

(a) By air.

Source: ABS data available on request, *Overseas Arrivals and Departures*[Back to top](#)**Environment**



## ENVIRONMENT

### Climate Water Consumption

#### Climate

	Mean temperature				Mean annual rainfall
	Summer (January)		Winter (July)		
	Max (°C)	Min (°C)	Max (°C)	Max (°C)	
					(mm)
Perth Metro	31.1	18.1	18.4	7.6	733.4
Albany Town	22.8	15.2	15.7	8.1	928.5
Broome Airport	33.3	26.3	28.8	13.7	614.0
Bunbury	29.7	15.4	17.2	7.0	722.5
Esperance	26.2	15.7	17.2	8.3	618.6
Geraldton Town	29.1	18.4	19.8	10.5	445.7
Kalgoorlie Boulder Airport	33.6	18.3	16.7	5.0	268.0
Mandurah	29.3	18.9	17.4	10.6	649.2
Port Hedland Airport	36.4	25.6	27.1	12.3	321.2

Source: *Bureau of Meteorology 2014*, <<http://www.bom.gov.au>>, as at 10 April 2014.

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#### Water Consumption

	2011-12	
	WA	Aust.
Total water consumption (GL)	1 420	16 019
Household water consumption per capita (kL)	127	76

Source: *Water Account, Australia, 2011-12* (cat. no. 4610.0)

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## About this Release

Contains a brief range of summary statistics on Western Australian geography, people, economy, industry and environment.